(c) For enhancing horticulture production including vegetables, two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Horticulture Mission and Horticulture Technology Mission for North Eastern and Himalayan States, are being implemented in the country wherein assistance for area expansion under vegetable crops alongwith technical guidance for quality seed production to the growers is provided through extension programmes, which helps in enhancement of area, production and productivity of vegetable crops.

(d) Horticultural institutes under ICAR system and selected training institutions under State Governments,are conducting regular training programmes, seminars, symposiums in- collaboration with farmer's association, fertilizer companies and Government agencies to educate the farmers in improved production technologies, selection of pests and disease free planting material, integrated pest and disease management and virus identification. Field demonstrations are also conducted in farmers' fields for educating them on latest technologies. In addition, rural farmers, self help groups, rural women are getting trained in collaboration with NABARD in value addition to create employment generation and also to develop entrepreneurship among the farmers.

Co-operative Societies

1193. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cooperative societies functioning at present in the country, location-wise/State-wise;

(b) the details of financial grants provided to these societies during the last five years, year-wise/State-wise/cooperative society-wise; and

(c) the details of facilities being prpvided by these societies to the poor and agriculturists/farmers/artisans/labourers etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTTLAL BHURIA): (a) As per availbale information, total number of cooperative societies in the country is 5,42,566. A Statement indicating number of cooperative societies State-wise is enclosed (see below).

(b) and (c) The "Cooperative Societies" is a State Subject. The financial assistance is being provided by the respective State Governments to these

institutions. However, the Ministry of Agriculture, through Central Sector Schemes, also provides financial assistance to the cooperatives. During the year 2002-03 to 2006-07, Ministry of Agriculture has provided financial assistance of Rs. 30.44, 42.36, 66.17, 76.16 and Rs. 90.00 crores respectively to the cooperative societies. Under these schemes of Ministry of Agriculture, no funds are released to the States. These funds are released to cooperatives through implementing agencies.

Statement

State-wise number of Co-operative Societies

SI.No	. Name of States	Total Number of Societies
1	2	3
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	1387
2.	Andhra Pradesh	39716
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	196
4.	Assam	9422
5.	Bihar	29994
6.	Chandigarh	1293
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	137
8	Delhi	5086
9.	Goa	2045
10.	Gujarat	51983
11.	Haryana	24676
12.	Himachal Pradesh	4153
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	3212
14.	Karnataka	22429
15.	Kerala	17063
16.	Madhya Pradesh	25820
17.	Maharashtra	136834
18.	Manipur	3944
19.	Meghalaya	768
20.	Mizoram	1338
21.	Nagaland	2857
22.	Orissa	8913
23	Pondicherry	436
24.	Punjab	21944
25.	Rajasthan	19252

1	2	3
26.	Sikkim	324
27.	Tamil Nadu	27785
28.	Tripura	1727
29.	Uttar pradesh	36723
30	West Bengal	36374
31.	Chhattisgarh	3945
32.	Jharkhand	237
33.	Uttaranchal	464
34.	Lakshadweep	45
35.	Daman and Diu	44
GRAND TOTAL:		5,42,566

Production of pulses

†1194. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of pulses in the country, pulse-wise;

(b) to what extent this production, is less than the consumption of pulses in the country; and

(c) whether Government are considering any action plan to encourage production of pulses in order to bridge this gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The following table shows pulse-wise production in the country for the year 2006-07 (as per 2nd advance estimates released on 05.02.2007).

Crop	Production (Million Tonnes)
fur Gram	2.64
Urad	6.16
Moong	1.35
	1.11
Total Pulses	14.52

†Originai notice of the question was received in Hindi.